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New Agents and Equipment Aid Northern Border Enforcement *Expanded Strategy Includes Use of Temporary Traffic Checkpoints*

DETROIT, Mich. — More than 200 additional Border Patrol agents have reported for duty along the northern border in recent weeks. The new agents, which will total 245 in all, are being permanently posted on the northern border to provide heightened security in the wake of 9/11. Besides an infusion of new agents, the Border Patrol has also increased its surveillance capabilities along the northern border through the deployment of additional new aircraft and the installation of Remote Video Surveillance Systems to the area over the last several months.

The arrival of new agents and surveillance assets is enabling the Border Patrol to broaden its ongoing enforcement efforts along the northern border. One facet of that expanded enforcement strategy includes the deployment of temporary mobile traffic checkpoints to strategic locations beginning later this week.

“These temporary checkpoints will aid our efforts to detect and deter the illegal entries and smuggling activity that pose a potential threat to border security,” said Detroit Sector’s Acting Chief Patrol Agent Loretta Lopez-Mossman. “We are working closely with the community to ensure people are aware of our plans and to address any concerns residents may have.”

The checkpoints are being established in strategic locations along the northern border. The Border Patrol will continue to work cooperatively with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the northern border.

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